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**PCT****INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT**

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of \_\_\_\_\_ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I  Basis of the report
- II  Priority
- III  Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV  Lack of unity of invention
- V  Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI  Certain documents cited
- VII  Certain defects in the international application
- VIII  Certain observations on the international application

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International Application No.

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**I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:<sup>\*</sup> the international application as originally filed the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-31 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

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pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

 the claims:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-8 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19)

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 the drawings:

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 the sequence listing part of the description:

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## 2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

 the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)). the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)). the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

## 3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

 contained in the international application in written form. filed together with the international application in computer readable form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form. furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form. The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished. The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.4.  The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_5.  This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).<sup>\*\*</sup>

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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**V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations**

This report refers to the following document:

D1: US 4 747 100.

Document D1 US 4,747,100 is considered the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses a network with an interconnection network and a plurality of network nodes coupled to the interconnection network, the nodes sending out preset messages in order to detect nodes that are to be integrated.

In contrast to the closest prior art, claim 1 describes a network wherein a node is provided for integration as active node after receipt of position information for adjusting its local communication timing to that of the reference node and upon completion of a positive check for the consistency of its own communication timing with the communication timing of at least some of the active nodes. This technical feature makes it possible to synchronize the nodes after the network has been started.

The other document cited in the search report does not disclose this feature.

Claim 1 therefore meets the PCT requirements in respect of novelty (PCT Article 33(2)) and inventive step (PCT

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Article 33(3)).

Claim 7 describes nodes in a network according to claim 1.

Claim 8 describes the method corresponding to the network according to claim 1.

Claims 7 and 8 therefore also meet the PCT requirements in respect of novelty (PCT Article 33(2)) and inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

The same holds true for dependent claims 2 to 6.